



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by President Clem.

Present: Cheryl, Kirby, Gail, Dennis, Dave P., Lynette, Clem, Lori, and Pete

Secretary report - Motion by Cheryl (2nd Dennis) to accept August Minutes – passed unanimously, to be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis – Total Balance \$1855 – General fund \$1161 and Donation fund \$693. (Fish feeder income \$32.25, and Expenses of \$20.65). A new fish feeder may be needed – a sturdy, heavy model. Porta-potty will be removed from grounds the end of September, Dennis will make arrangements.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- Most FSPW projects are closing for the season.
- Kokanee early spawning activities and egg pick-up/delivery. Please contact: John Rankin at Clark Fork hatchery – 266-1431 if you have interest in helping.
- Clark Fork River Delta has received preliminary funding. Volunteers can sign up on the website and/or contact Derek Antonelli for updates on activities including seed collection and willow identification. <http://clarkforkdelta.org/about/> or contact Derek or Kate. antonelli8@frontier.com kate.walker@idfg.idaho.gov
- Check the calendar and website for details www.idahomasternaturalist.org

Lynette – Public Outreach

- Leaf litter sorting is ongoing, there are still some bags to finish up.
- Shannon Ehlers of MBI is leading project to remove climate monitors. shannon.ehlers@idfg.idaho.gov
- Kokanee viewing at Trestle Creek in October - need volunteers for school field trips. October 6, 9:00-12:30 at the Avista day use area on Trestle Creek Rd. Call Lynette 208-627-2489.

Communication Committee – Lori acting

- Need submissions for Fall newsletter – a picture with a caption, a short article, poem, recipe, etc.,
- Calendar and Announcements on our website are updated regularly - <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>

Training Committee – John A. Acting (absent)

- For continuing education hours please use community resources – attend the Native Plant meetings, join in a hike or field trip with the ICL or Ice Age Flood Institute, etc.

WDC Grounds – Gail

- Outside is looking good. Fall reseeded of bare spots will probably be needed. The west side of the

pond and along the stream the weeds have been sprayed and native grasses are being replanted.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- The Grant from the IFWF has been approved, we have \$4930 in funding. A spreadsheet will be developed to break out funds and how planned/actually spent.
- Tracy Hoffman of the ID Fish & Wildlife Fund sent the MNs a thank you for the presentation and lunch on August 16th. They were very appreciative.
- A meeting will be scheduled in October for all who participated in MN on Duty this summer to give feedback and start planning for next summer.
- WDC Committee is setting goals for displays, they will meet periodically to continue planning.

Issues:

- Pete will be the contact for the WDC calendar through the end of the year. If you need to schedule the building or the grounds, please send him an e-mail pete.gardner@idfg.idaho.gov in subject line “WDC Calendar Request”.
- There will be four temporary MBI workers staying on the WDC grounds in October.
- Next Work Days – September 19 and October 3, and 17.
- Pete would like to plan a volunteer recognition meeting in January (also Potluck)
- Dave Yeats will not be available for snow removal this winter, Dennis will approach other members to see if someone will volunteer for this duty.
- New Officers will be elected for 2015 – we need Nominations by October. Secretary and Vice-President are open for nominations. Incumbents will attempt to find and recommend nominees. Elections in January.
- By-Laws may need to be modified to allow additional Committee Chairmen to serve as voting Board Members. To change the By-Laws, we need a 2/3 vote of 50% of Master Naturalist Members, either at a meeting or via e-mail. The new language must be circulated and approved. A Draft of the new language will be approved by the current Board and sent to all members for a vote.

Next meeting – Tuesday October 14th.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

MN on duty meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 2, 10:00am at the WDC. Please come and give feedback and begin planning for next year.